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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7929

INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

USMISSION GENEVA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

USMISSION USUN NY

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HAWAII

CINPAC CAMP SMITH HAWAII

USS SANCTUARY

USDAO SAIGON

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MILI, UR, VN, VS

SUBJ: SOVIET REFUSE TO TRANSMIT GENEVA CONVENTION NOTIFICATION
TO DRV

REF: STATE 052175 212311 Z MAR 73

1. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE NO. 26/ USA DATED APRIL 11, 1973,
DELIVERED TO EMBASSY BY MESSENGER APRIL 11, REFUSED TO CONVEY
NOTIFICATION CONCERNING USS SANCTUARY (REFTEL) TO DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SOVIET NOTE MADE NO COMMENT WITH RESPECT
TO RECEIVING SEPARATE NOTIFICATION ADDRESSED TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT.
EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, REFERRING TO NOTE NO. 245 OF THE EMBASSY
OF THE USA DATED MARCH 27, 1973, STATES THAT IT DOES NOT
CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH
THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCE NOTE TO
TRANSMIT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VESSEL SANCUTARY TO

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV.
END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHETHER SOVIETS UNWILLING
TO ACT AS CHANNEL OF US OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO DRV AS GENERAL
PROPOSITION IN LIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE DIRECT CHANNELS
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HANOI, OR WHETHER SUBJECT MATTER IS
FOR SOME REASON TABOO (E. G., IT MAY TOUCH RAW NERVE BECAUSE
OF HISTORY OF US- DRV CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES OVER RELATED
GENEVA CONVENTION OF POW'S). WE PROPOSE USE APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK MFA OFFICIALS INFORMALLY ABOUT REASON FOR
REFUSAL.
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